

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI.**  
**INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES.**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**NDG 604: THEORETICAL APPROACHES IN GENDER DISCOURSE.**  
**INSTRUCTOR: W. SUBBO**

The aim of this course is to enable learners to understand the theories that guide development processes in various regions in the world. The various approaches in Gender and development: the welfare approach, the anti-poverty approach; the Empowerment approach; the shift from women and development (WID); and women and development ( WAD); to gender and development (GAD); feminism theoretical frameworks: Harvard analytical framework, the impact of peoples' participation in development; the modernization and sustainable development approaches; the post modernism and social relations approaches, the capacities and vulnerabilities analysis approaches to development planning and to the gender discourse.

**Topics.**

1. An overview of the theories of development.
2. The welfare Approach in gender discourse.
3. The Empowerment Approach
4. The shift from (WID) and (WAD) to (GAD).
5. The feminism theoretical frameworks
6. The participatory Approaches
7. The capacities and vulnerabilities analysis framework
8. The modernization and sustainable development approaches
9. The post modernism and social relations approaches
10. The people oriented planning framework

**Revision:**

**Evaluation.**

CATs.	- 40%
Final Examination-	60%
Total	- 100%

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